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Djibouti becomes independent Monday

DIJBOUTI, June 22 (AFP). — The French territory of Afars and Issas (Tsa) will next Monday become the independent republic of Djibouti after 115 years of French rule. The people of this tiny territory, strategically located in the Horn of Africa and at the mouth of the Red Sea, overwhelmingly voted for independence in an internationally-supervised referendum last May 8. In parallel general elections, voters also massively elected a single list of candidates, led by Hassan Gouled, now the territory's premier and the man favoured to become the future republic's first president.

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Egypt reported to have called up its army forces reserves

CAIRO, June 22 (R). — Egypt's Defence Ministry spokesman was not available for comment on the news that Egypt was calling up its armed forces reserves. The Kuwaiti newspaper Al-Sayassah said yesterday that this was being done as a precautionary measure because Egypt regarded the new Israeli government as "a war cabinet." Observers in Cairo noted that reservists are called up on an occasional basis for short periods, but that there has been no noticeable increase in such calls.

King Hussein back from 1 day visit to Damascus

AMMAN (R). — His Majesty King Hussein returned to Amman Wednesday night from a one-day visit to Syria.

The King and President Hafez Assad discussed the general Arab situation and bilateral relations, according to officials here.

The King was accompanied by Prime Minister Mudar Badran, the Chief of the Royal Court, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf and Court Minister Amer Khammash.

Official sources in the Syrian capital said that King Hussein and President Assad agreed that Arab solidarity should be strengthened and Arab potentials mobilised to recover the "usurped Arab rights".

As the two leaders met, their prime ministers and their delegations held parallel talks, but no details were available.

Sources close to the Jordanian monarch said the King would shortly visit Egypt and Saudi Arabia.



His Majesty King Hussein talks to President Hafez Assad during his visit to Damascus Wednesday. Premier Badran is at far right. (JNA photo).

Labour Party retains control over Histadrut

TEL AVIV, June 22 (R). — Israel's powerful trade unions, still under the control of the opposition Labour Party after special elections, warned new Prime Minister Menachem Begin today against implementing his conservative ideas for solving the country's economic slump.

Mr. Begin's rightwing Likud government, which hopes to introduce more free enterprise into the largely controlled economy, was rocked by the results of the elections for authority over the Histadrut trades union federation.

The Histadrut owns or controls nearly one-third of the Israeli economy. Almost all salaried workers and their families are linked to it through pension and health funds.

"We shall face difficulties and there will be a great struggle ahead if Finance Minister Simcha Erlich tries to fully implement the ideas he has put forward," said the federation's Labourite Secretary General Yerihim Meshel. But he added that compromise solutions could be envisaged.

Mr. Meshel spoke after the Labour Party made a stunning comeback yesterday in the Histadrut balloting — just over a month after its 29-year rule ended in a crushing general election defeat.

Final official results of yesterday's ballot will be known tomorrow, or even later. But with about half of the votes counted, it was clear Labour

had retained a majority of more than 52 per cent of the Histadrut.

The result means Mr. Erlich faces a difficult task in implementing the government's declared policy of limited unemployment and reduced subsidies on basic foods to bring Israel's spiralling inflation under control.

Jubilant leaders of the Labour Party made clear that they would use the Histadrut as a power base against Mr. Begin.

Likud leaders stressed that their party was the only one to make gains in yesterday's vote. It received close to 30 per cent, an eight per cent rise over results in 1973. Labour dropped several points though it retained overall control.

About 65 per cent of 1.4 million eligible Histadrut members took part in the poll and figures indicated that close to 200,000 people who voted Likud in the general elections voted for Labour yesterday.

Incomplete figures from Arab areas showed Labour had taken 50 per cent of the vote there, compared to 32 per cent for the Rakah Communist Party.

The increasingly militant communist Party is overwhelmingly supported by Israeli Arabs, for whom the Moscow-aligned group is the only legal Arab nationalist opposition within Israel.

One theory was that Israeli Arabs feared government re-

prisals against them if Rakah was seen to be their sole choice.

Though the Likud improved its showing the only real comfort for the government would be if the poor support for the newly-founded Democratic Movement for Change (DMC) forced it to align with Mr. Begin's group.

Informed political sources said DMC leader Prof. Yigael Yadin could offer Mr. Begin an alliance in opposition to Labour within the Histadrut in exchange for concessions on foreign policy.

Dayan: Israel will not give back any part of West Bank

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 22 (R). — Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan said today the new Israeli government would seek a peace with Arab states that did not involve "partitioning" the occupied West Bank or handing it back to Jordan.

Speaking on Israeli Radio for the first time since taking up his new portfolio, Mr. Dayan said the major problem facing Israel was Arab demands for a total evacuation of the West Bank which Israeli troops occupied during the June 1967 Middle East war.

Israeli newspaper says

Brzezinski proposes West Bank internal autonomy within Jordan

TEL AVIV, June 22 (AFP). — White House Security Affairs advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski has proposed a solution to the Middle East conflict which would give Palestinians internal autonomy in a demilitarized West Bank within the Jordanian state, the daily Haaretz reported here today.

The newspaper's Washington correspondent said the proposal would allow Israel a limited military presence on the West Bank and the Golan region but would ban any Israeli political presence or settlements.

Israeli experts recently learned of the plan, Haaretz said, which would give the Kingdom of Jordan two provinces — one of which would be set up by the Palestinians in West Bank territories now occupied by Israel and would be granted internal autonomy.

Under the Brzezinski plan, the Palestinian province would be demilitarized and Jordan would maintain responsibility for its internal security although only police forces would be stationed there.

Jordan would also be gran-

ted a free port at Haifa, Haaretz said.

Jerusalem would remain the unified capital of Israel, it said, although it could also be the administrative capital of the Palestinian province. An inter-religion council would assume control of holy places in the city.

Mr. Brzezinski reportedly proposed that Gaza become part of the Palestinian province, and Jewish settlements in the area evacuated.

Israel would also evacuate the Sinai in three stages, returning in the end to the 1967 borders. Egyptian troops would be banned from going beyond a certain line in the Sinai. United Nations forces would meanwhile remain in the sector. The port of Sharm Al Sheikh, held by Israel and located near the mouth of the Gulf of Suez, no longer has strategic importance since the Arabs control the Bab Al Mandeb straits at the entrance to the Red Sea.

The plan would return the Golan to Syria in three stages over two years. U.N. forces would remain for an indefinite period in the demilitarized area and Israel would be allowed to send in patrols.

The Haaretz correspondent said most members of the American Congress considered friendly to Israel generally agreed with the proposal.

In Tel Aviv, Rabbi Shlomo Goren told reporters on his return from a trip to the United States and Canada that he believed President Carter would stop referring to an independent Palestinian homeland from now on.

He said that President Carter reiterated U.S. commitment to Israel and said a solution to the Palestinian issue should be sought in the context of a Palestinian homeland within Jordan.

He added that President Carter had assured him he did not expect an Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territories to the pre-1967 borders.

There has been no official U.S. reaction on Israeli reports on the meeting which took place some 10 days ago.

Ethiopia accuses Sudan, Somalia of sabotage

ADDIS ABABA, June 22 (R). — Ethiopia has charged that Somalia and Sudan are coordinating efforts to isolate Ethiopia by blowing up the railway to Djibouti and banning Ethiopian flights over Sudan.

"The regimes in Sudan and Somalia are fully responsible for the deterioration of peace and security in the eastern Horn of Africa," an Information Ministry spokesman alleged in a statement published today in the Ethiopian Herald newspaper.

According to diplomatic sources five bridges on Ethiopia's only railway to the sea have been blown up in the past two weeks by pro-Somali insurgents on either side of the town of Dire Dawa.

Skirmishes between Ethiopian troops and insurgents were also reported late last week in the outskirts of the neighbouring town of Harrar, they said.

Vance will visit China

WASHINGTON, June 22 (R). — U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance will visit China from August 22 to 26, the State Department announced today.

He will also stop in Japan for one or two days on his way back from Peking, a spokesman said.

Department spokesman Hodding Carter said the purpose of the Peking visit was "to further our conversations in light of the Shanghai communique toward normalising relations." The Shanghai communique was signed by former President Richard Nixon in 1972.

He said Mr. Vance would not visit any other countries besides China and Japan. He said he did not know whether South Korea had requested a visit at that time.

Observers said the government denunciation of a conspiracy to landlock Ethiopia indicated the seriousness of the situation for the country which uses the railway to transport 70 per cent of its imports and exports.

The strain on the supply situation in Addis Ababa comes as final preparations are made for a mammoth parade on Saturday of a people's militia which is said to number 300,000.

A tent city has been set up to hold about 100,000 militiamen just northwest of Opia after Addis Ababa and Asmara.

Petrol has been rationed in the capital for about two weeks and pumps on roads leading north have been fully stocked to assure transport for this huge body of men.

Soviet Union, France pledge to defend human rights, warn against nuclear war

PARIS, June 22 (AFP). — The Soviet Union and France today pledged, themselves to the defence of human rights and implicitly warned that a nuclear holocaust was the alternative to detente.

The pledge and warning followed three days of exchanges of views — some of them clearly differing — between President Giscard d'Estaing and Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev.

The two countries stressed that respect for human rights and basic freedoms, at the level of states and individuals, was one of the basic elements of detente.

They warned: "In the higher interest of mankind, it is imperative that states and peoples abandon policies based on mistrust, rivalry and tension and that they recognise that despite differences over the concept and organisation of society, they are united in the face of perils which threaten them."

Detente, and its alternative,

were the subject of one of three documents signed at Rambouillet chateau, near here, where the talks took place. The other two were a statement on overall policies and on halting the spread of nuclear weapons.

Three economic documents were also signed and the two countries undertook to rebite trade by the early 1980's.

Yesterday, President Giscard d'Estaing stressed that "moderation in the ideological struggle" was one of four conditions to detente, but in the text on detente this came out as a pledge to "maintain a favourable climate in relations between states".

Both sides called for an end to the use of force and threats as a means of influencing other countries, and a halt to the arms race.

The 11-page general policy document, which also took in detente, gave a place of its own to Africa and said the two countries attached great importance to the right of the African

peoples to decide their own future without outside interference.

Both sides said they were deeply committed to the "full and dynamic" application of the Helsinki agreement and were determined to "work for the effective application of all its clauses."

They also called for the re-convening of the Geneva conference on the Middle East, with the participation of representatives of the Palestinian people.

On disarmament, France and the Soviet Union backed the idea of a world conference and said they hoped the necessary conditions for it to be held, particularly the participation of all the nuclear powers, would soon be met.

The two countries said they recognised the importance to some nations of nuclear energy and said they would continue to export nuclear material and technology in keeping with international agreements they had made.



CONGRATULATIONS -- Leonid Brezhnev, President of the Soviet Union and French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing congratulate each other after the signature of accords at the end of a two-day Franco-Soviet summit meeting at Rambouillet Chateau in Paris Wednesday (at right). (AP wirephoto).

Tito, Qadhafi open official talks

BELGRADE, June 22 (R). — Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qadhafi and President Tito of Yugoslavia today opened official talks on bilateral cooperation and international topics.

Officials said the talks, being held at President Tito's summer resort island of Brioni in the northern Adriatic, would centre on the Middle East conflict, the situation in Africa and bilateral cooperation.

Col. Qadhafi arrived at Brioni last night at a four-day state visit.

At a dinner speech last night in honour of Col. Qadhafi President Tito praised Libyan efforts to strengthen Arab unity.

Col. Qadhafi replied that "the present attitude of certain Israeli leaders makes the possibility of establishing a just peace more distant than ever." He also denounced "plots and shameless aggression against a number of progressive African states."

The Kenya News Agency said he had been shot and wounded while travelling in the presidential car near Kampala last Saturday and quoted conflicting reports from sources inside Uganda saying he was receiving medical treatment either within his own country or in the Libyan Jamahiriya.

But British Foreign Secretary David Owen told reporters in Luxembourg that his information was that President Amin was alive and unharmed. Uganda Radio reported the president had met a Ugandan delegation returning from an Organisation of African Unity meeting in Angola on the same day as the alleged assassination attempt.

Ugandan officials contacted by telephone in Kampala appeared reluctant to shed light on

the question. An aide at Field Marshal Amin's command post in Entebbe said the Ugandan leader had not been seen since Friday. "We're just looking for him all over the country, but we're not getting him," he said.

Diplomatic sources in Cairo said President Amin was alive and well and had conferred with his finance minister on Monday. But the minister, Brig. Moses Ali, who is on a three-day visit to Egypt, refused to confirm or deny the reports.

Mystery also surrounds the whereabouts of Ugandan Vice President Gen. Mustafa Idrisi. Sources said he had been seen since the weekend.

The Kenya News Agency quoted diplomatic sources in Kampala as saying a bloody purge was going on within the country. The agency quoted one source as saying there "certainly is a massacre taking place here."

The agency said hundreds of Ugandans were fleeing to Kenya to escape death during "a current purge in Uganda." A party of senior Ugandan army officers surrendered their weapons and band grenades to

Kenyan border police and asked for asylum, it said.

The Ugandan refugees said soldiers of Uganda's State Research Bureau, the security unit, had gone on the rampage killing innocent civilians and soldiery suspected of involvement in the alleged assassination attempt, according to the agency.

Meanwhile, it was reported in New York today that an American woman reporter now in Uganda says that President Amin has told her he is alive, well and on a belated honeymoon with his fourth wife.

A spokesman for the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) said that reporter Audrey Jane Taylor, who is acquainted with President Amin, had spoken to the Ugandan leader on the telephone.

"He assured me that there have been no threats on his life and that he is simply relaxing for a week and trying his best to stay out of the news," she said.

Mrs. Taylor is on an educational tour with members of the Ugandan delegation to the United Nations.

MEA reelects board of directors

The General Assembly of MEA (the Middle East Airline) unanimously reelected its previous Board of Directors and its Chairman, Sheikh Najeeb Alamuddin, to a new three-year term in office.

The MEA General Assembly held its meeting in Beirut on Wednesday, June 21 and opened its session with one minute of silence for company employees killed during the recent events in Lebanon.

Sheikh Alamuddin briefed shareholders and employees on the effects of the Lebanese conflict on the company and its activities and how it succeeded to continue its activities and survive.

"I thank the shareholders for their continuous support for and unshakeable belief in the company and its employees," Sheikh Najib Alamuddin added in his address to the shareholders. "I also thank our non-Lebanese employees for their loyalty and participation with their fellow Lebanese employees in most of the crucial and difficult events they passed through."

Addressing himself to the Lebanese employees, he concluded his message by saying: "I am proud of your loyalty to Lebanon and to your company, your dedication to your work, your courage and your determination to shoulder your responsibilities. Above all, I am proud of your national sentiments and your unity, which is an example to be emulated. With people like you, Lebanon can rise with strength and pride and enable the Cedar wings to continue providing a bridge to all parts of the world and remain Lebanon's everlasting emblem."

After approving the items on its agenda, the assembly elected unanimously the Board of Directors to another three year term in office.

The new board held its first meeting, during which it unanimously voted its previous Chairman, Sheikh Najib Alamuddin, to a further three years in office.

APPRECIATION FOR CONDOLENCES

Marchella and Tewfiq Nazzal, the Nazzals and Manginis, together with their kin and relatives in Jordan and abroad, would like to express their thanks and appreciation to all those who offered condolences on the death of the dear late

EVELINA MARCONI MANGINI

by attending the funeral ceremony, sending wreaths and cables or visiting the house of the bereaved.

May God save them all and protect them from every mishap. Amen.

Egyptian press team ends four-day visit

AMMAN (JNA). — An Egyptian press delegation left here Wednesday after a four-day visit to Jordan during which it met with His Majesty King Hussein, Prime Minister Mudar and a number of top officials. It also visited front-line military positions.

The leader of the team, Mr. Youssef Al Siba'ie, President of the Egyptian Press Association, expressed his thanks for the hospitality accorded to the delegation and for the opportunity to get to know the country's achievements. They were especially gratified by their meeting with King Hussein, who talked about Arab solidarity, liberation of the occupied Arab territories and restoration of the Palestinian people's rights, Mr. Al Siba'ie added.

He said the Egyptian journalists' visit to Jordan has served to buttress journalistic and information relations between Egypt and Jordan.

The Egyptian press chief said he had invited Minister of Information Adnan Abu Odeh and President of the Jordan Press Association Rakan Al Majali to visit Egypt.



Minister of Information Adnan Abu Odeh (right) Wednesday bids farewell to the head of an Egyptian press delegation, Mr. Youssef Al Siba'ie. (JNA photo).

Information minister leaves on Gulf tour

AMMAN (JNA). — Minister of Information Adnan Abu Odeh left here Wednesday on an eight-day tour which will take him to Qatar, Oman and Bahrain at the invitation of the information ministers of these countries.

He told reporters that he will hold talks with his counterparts on information cooperation and the seconding of Jordanian media personnel to the three countries.

Mr. Abu Odeh said that in Qatar he will discuss the adoption of a programme to implement a cultural agreement concluded in 1972.

In Oman, he will exchange instruments of ratification for a cultural and information agreement concluded earlier this year and sign the executive programme of the agreement.

During his visit to Bahrain, Mr. Abu Odeh will talk about a proposed bilateral information programme and sign the executive programme of a 1972 agreement.

Potash project finance meet ends in London

LONDON, June 22 (JNA). — A meeting attended by international finance bodies to study the economic feasibility of the Red Sea potash project ended here today.

The eight-day conference discussed loans for the project's 30 million second and last stage.

Participating in the conference were representatives from the World Bank, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the West German Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau. Jordan was represented by President of the National Planning Council, Dr. Hanna Mah, the Chairman and Director General of the Arab Potash Company, Mr. Ali Al Khasraw, and a number of specialists at the National Planning Council and the Arab Potash Company.

1976 TOURIST INCOME TOTALS JD 68 MILLION

AMMAN (JNA). — Income from tourism last year amounted to JD 68 million. A total of 1,360,000 tourists visited the country in that period. In 1952, only 40,000 tourists visited the Kingdom and proceeds from tourism hardly reached JD 1.5 million.

Cabinet approves EEC economic agreement

AMMAN (JNA). — The Cabinet Thursday approved the economic agreement concluded between Jordan and the European Economic Community (EEC), in addition to a transport agreement with Senegal.

The Cabinet also agreed to form a delegation to hold talks with Bulgarian officials on concluding a bilateral economic agreement.

The delegation, to be headed by Minister of Industry and Commerce Dr. Najmeddine Dajani, will include the directors of industry and economic cooperation at the ministry and the economic adviser at the Jordanian Embassy in Romania. The cabinet decided to send a delegation led by Minister of Supply Marwan Qassem to Japan, South Korea, Nationalist China and Hong Kong in the first week of July to conclude a number of supply agreements for the Civil Service Consumer Corporation.

Four major digs uncover the country's rich past

AMMAN (J.T.). — Four major archaeological digs are underway or start soon under the sponsorship of the Department of Antiquities and the American Centre of Oriental Research, based here.

Dr. Walter Rast and Dr. Thomas Schaub are conducting a second season of excavations at the great Early Bronze (ca. 3,100-2,100 B.C.) city and cemetery site of Bab Adh Dhira' which is located below Karak near the lisan of the Dead Sea. As part of the regional emphasis of the project, Drs. Rast and Schaub are extending their excavations this season to include also the nearby site of Numeirah. The staff of about 45 includes highly trained specialists from many American universities and museums.

In the north, another project is now being carried out by Dr. Robert Coughenour, -- with a team of 20 -- at Wards, an

iron mining and smelting site located in the Ajloun Heights. The site is Ayyubid/Mamluk (ca. 1,200-1,400 A.D.), although some earlier (Roman, Iron Age?) pottery has also been found in the area. This region is the only one in the country which is known to have been mined for iron in ancient times.

Four weeks of excavations are being carried out this month at a partially robbed cave site in the Baqa'a valley to the north of Amman. The cave has produced large quantities of Late Bronze (ca. 1,350-1,200 B.C.) pottery, and it seems to be a burial cave in a fairly extensive necropolis.

Dr. Bert De Vries will be working during July at the great Roman and Byzantine site of Um Al Jimal, near Mafraq. His team of about 20 will excavate at several points in the city to date certain buildings as well as the city wall, and De Vries himself will continue to work on a comprehensive site plan based on ground surveying and aerial photography. In addition, De Vries will remain in Jordan with his family until December during which time he will improve the site for tourism.

COMPUTERS MAY RUN INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT

AMMAN (JNA). — The Income Tax Department may computerise its system in the near future, Ministry of Finance sources stated after talks between Jordan and Syria ended at the Income Tax Department here Wednesday.

The four-day discussion reviewed tax legislation in the two countries, so that the two sides can exchange expertise and benefit from the good points in laws and regulations in effect in Jordan and Syria.

The Palestinians: Different picture in each refugee camp

"Some of the Palestinians" is not about politics as such; it is a tragic and impressive report of life in refugee camps in the Middle East. It is the most recent film produced by the United Kingdom Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). Mamoun Hassan, former secretary of the British Film Institute Production Board, was Director/Editor of this moving film.

Born in Saudi Arabia, Mamoun has spent most of his life in England. He returned to the Middle East in 1974 to assume his post as head of the film branch of UNRWA's Audio-Visual Division in Beirut. Earlier this year, he left UNRWA to take up his new position as head of direction at the National Film School in England. When he was in Amman recently, he gave the Jordan Times more information about the film and himself.

By Marian Awwad Special of the Jordan Times

"Some of the Palestinians" is a documentary film about the Palestinian refugees today. The film was shown at the London Film Festival in December 1976, thus affording the international public its first viewing of the most recent and what has been termed the best film produced by UNRWA depicting the plight of the refugees -- millions of homeless and bewildered people.

The structure of the film was carefully planned. "I knew that the Palestinian refugees were different in different camps and in the different countries," Mamoun Hassan explained. "At the same time, there was this feeling of their being one. I was therefore interested in making the film to cover all the host countries -- Lebanon, Syria and Jordan -- as well as the occupied territories of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip."

The film begins with a scene of milk distribution to the refugees. Mamoun feels this was not a dramatic beginning, but "a situation peculiar to being a refugee in any camp in the Middle East."

The character of the refugees in the film comes out clearly. "In Jordan, especially, many refugees have experienced not one but two exoduses (1948 and 1967). Still, there is such an extraordinary resilience and dignity about them."

Mamoun continued: "In Syria, some but not all of the refugees have experienced exodus twice in their lifetime. Here, though, they seem to show a different kind of character, in some ways mellowed. The children you see in the film are energetic and attractive, yet you feel there is no end to their hardship -- refugeeedom and what it's all about."

There are four quite separate sequences in the film. As Mamoun sees it, the first sequence is about a man, a remarkable doctor, Dr. Issaf Murad -- himself a Palestinian -- who has remarkable feelings of hope. "As we follow the

man through his day as a doctor in a Palestinian refugee camp in Syria, we see that he radiates hope and that he cares for the people he sees. He also believes in tomorrow. I feel nourished by him."

The second sequence shows the refugees in a context of violence, in the aftermath of Israeli raids on refugee camps in south Lebanon. The third sequence is shot in Baqa'a camp, north of Amman, which Mamoun described as "a curious place, in that Baqa'a is an emergency camp, a transient place where we see the need for trees and bricks."

The fourth sequence of the film was shot in the Israeli-occupied territories. Mamoun was not allowed to enter the occupied territories to do the filming. The rest of the crew carried on without him, much to his dismay. In this part, Vera Tamari, an attractive young Palestinian, gives us a glimpse of life for a people under military occupation.

Mamoun remembered what he thought when he first considered the idea of coming to the Middle East to make this film. "There is this false picture in the Western world of the Palestinians as hijackers or beggars. I welcomed the opportunity to see and know what the situation was really like, outside the propaganda of any side."

As to what the film says: "Any film can only tell part of the story, but it must be true to itself." Part of the forcefulness of the film is due to the fact that Mamoun speaks Arabic, the language of the dialogues in the film for which subtitles will be added in the different versions. This enabled him to build a rapport between the filming crew and the people, which has given the film reality and sincerity.

He then referred to a comment made by an English author-friend when he viewed the film: "It is about one side, but it is not one-sided." When asked if the film is depressing, Mamoun recalled what another director had said after seeing it: "Depressing? Why? The people in the film have straight

backs ... they have dignity and integrity. The world helps those who help themselves."

Mamoun admitted frankly: "I did come to love the people. I think they are extraordinary people!" He has been asked in England if the plight of the refugees is really as bad as is depicted in "Some of the Palestinians". His reply: "No, it's worse." The film is a tragic and impressive report on the lives of Palestinian refugees caught up in a situation with no end in sight. "Realistic" is the word used by people who have first-hand knowledge of the refugees, when they talk about the film.

Mamoun Hassan's feelings for the refugees of the Middle East do not come by chance. He was born in Saudi Arabia in 1937. His father, a Saudi Arabian medical doctor, took his Syrian-born wife and young children to settle in England in 1948. When Mamoun was asked if it were not unusual for a Saudi Arabian to pull up stakes and move so far from home, he smiled and answered: "My father was a bedouin at heart, and the world was his desert. Most Arabs have a great yearning to travel about and then to stay still. Even I have these yearnings!"

Mamoun and his English wife, Maya, live with their two young children in a town north of Oxford, England. Although he has lived in England most of his life, people there still make reference to his being an Arab. He is asked many times how he feels his being an Arab can contribute to his work. To this, he can only say that he really doesn't know which part of him is Arab and which part of him is English.

"When I become self-conscious, I feel so English in the Arab World and so Arab in England. With friends anywhere, I cease to have a nationality... I feel me."

"Some of the Palestinians" will soon be distributed worldwide. In addition to Arabic, it will be available for T.V. and private viewing in English, French, German, Japanese and Norwegian.



The Director/Editor of the latest UNRWA film on the Palestinians, Mr. Mamoun Hassan, chats with Dr. Issaf Murad, the remarkable Palestinian doctor who radiates hope in spite of the seemingly hopeless position of the people he deals with.



Group of students from the University of Jordan -- now relaxing after a hard semester's studies -- as note of military hardware during a visit to an air base Wednesday. (JNA photo).

AMMAN MARKETPLACE

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Civil aviation "war" averted

U.S., Britain reach new trans-Atlantic air agreement

By Stephen Powell

LONDON, June 22 (R). — British and American negotiators today signed a new agreement on trans-Atlantic air services, thus averting a threatened suspension of scheduled flights between the two countries.

ing again tomorrow afternoon, but an agreement has been signed," the official said. "She described the talks as "tense but friendly."

Another important concession obtained by the British is that only one airline from each country will be allowed on each route, with the exceptions of New York and Los Angeles.

that scheduled air services between the United States and Great Britain will end at midnight tonight.

Israel could cut dependence on U.S. aid by 1980s says U.S. AID official

TEL AVIV, June 22 (R). — A United States aid official said here today that Israel may be able to reduce its dependence on U.S. aid by the 1980s.

Energy, raw material supplies dominate Comecon summit agenda

WARSAW, June 22 (R). — Government leaders of Comecon, the communist economic grouping, began a three-day summit here yesterday to discuss long-term joint ventures in energy and other key economic sectors.

Soviet Union, Poland, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and Mongolia, and a vice-premier from Cuba, attended the summit.

According to Comecon publications, the programmes involve large-scale joint ventures which are now being drawn up by working groups on the basis of proposals from members.

EEC blocks food aid goal proposed at WFC meeting

MANILA, June 22 (R). — European Common Market countries today blocked a proposal that the world community should provide \$8.3 billion a year in aid for agricultural projects in developing countries.

One problem facing the council is that it has no executive powers to carry out or to authorise any direct action on food.

ILO head asks U.S. to retain membership

GENEVA, June 22 (R). — The head of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) yesterday appealed to the United States to reconsider a decision to quit the 135-nation body next November.

OECD begins conference on economic strategy

PARIS, June 22 (R). — Rising unemployment in the world's major non-communist industrial nations will be the most urgent problem for the ministerial conference opening here tomorrow of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

had been able to avoid creating an inflationary boom. "But we cannot say we have seen clear results in the reduction of unemployment except in the United States. In Western Europe and Japan, the situation has even deteriorated."

Carter lauds Saudi Arabian cooperation

WASHINGTON, June 22 (R). — President Carter today praised Saudi Arabia for its cooperation with the United States as he said farewell to Mr. John West, the new U.S. Ambassador to the Middle East country.

America may ban non-prescription sale of sedatives

WASHINGTON, June 22 (R). — The U.S. Food and Drug Administration yesterday said it plans to ban non-prescription sales of all sedatives now taken by millions of Americans during the day to ease tension.

Kennedy announced the proposed ban at a hearing of the Senate Subcommittee on Monopoly, saying the FDA found no medical benefits from the drugs.

U.S. Congress delays ban on saccharin

WASHINGTON, June 22 (R). The House of Representatives voted yesterday to delay any ban on saccharin for at least 15 months, despite evidence it may cause bladder cancer.

A Food and Drug Administration (FDA) proposal to ban the artificial sweetener from food and beverages which followed a Canadian study showing it caused cancer in laboratory rats, aroused a storm of protest.

Foreign and finance ministers of the 24-nation group will have to decide whether their existing strategy for moderate economic growth is still the right one -- or whether governments should risk a more powerful boost.

OECD experts said today that unemployment in the whole area now stood at 15 million, or 5.3 per cent of the work force, and was expected to reach 16 million by the end of the year.

On trade, the OECD secretary general said there had been a substantial increase in protectionist pressures, but so far the group had been able to avoid a chain reaction.

Britain's unemployment up

LONDON, June 22 (AFP). — Unemployment in Britain rose by over 100,000 to a total of 1,450,000 or 6.2 per cent of the active population by mid-June, official figures showed yesterday.

Whitehall sources said they feared a further sharp increase in this figure in July, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Denis Healey, was reported to be planning special measures to provide jobs for the young next month.

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

Table with 2 columns: Currency, Rate. Includes Saudi riyal, Lebanese pound, Syrian pound, Iraqi dinar, Kuwaiti dinar, Egyptian pound, Libyan dinar, UAE dirham, U.K. sterling, U.S. dollar, German mark, French franc, Swiss franc, Italian lira (for every 100).

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Table with 2 columns: Currency, Rate. Includes One sterling, One dollar, U.S. dollars, West German marks, Dutch guilders, Swiss francs, Belgian francs, French francs, Italian lire, Japanese yen, Swedish crowns, Norwegian crowns, Danish crowns.

WALL STREET REPORT

Prices declined slightly Wednesday on the New York Stock Market where the Dow Jones industrial average closed about two points lower at the end of a fairly active session.

LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market closed generally firm after a quiet session Tuesday with occasional small buying interest, dealers said.

Italian bank closes branches in Turkey

MILAN, June 22 (R). — Banca Commerciale Italiana said it has decided to close its two branches in Turkey because of the curbs on business caused by restrictions introduced in recent years.

of the restrictions mentioned but said they had reduced credit operations in Turkey to levels incompatible with management needs of its international operations.

The decision was taken after the failure of efforts to find an alternative solution, the bank said. Banca Commerciale is one of Italy's major state-owned banks.

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

- * BAGHDAD, June 22 (R). — A Venezuelan delegation arrived here last night for talks with Iraqi officials on bilateral cooperation in the various fields, the Iraq News Agency reported today. It said that the delegation represented the Ministries of Planning, Economy, and Oil, Commercial, Agricultural, Health and Information Departments.

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North Yemeni delegation goes to Sudan

SAN'A, June 22 (R). — A delegation of North Yemeni merchants, led by the Director of the Ministry of Supplies, Mr. Mutahhar Al Wazir, left here today for Khartoum.

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FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 1977

Your Daily HOROSCOPE

by the CARROLL RICHTER INSTITUTE

GENERAL TENDENCIES: There is an excellent chance now of others being able to adjust their ideas to your way of thinking. Be sure you think in terms of aviation instead of what's wrong.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Despite some annoyances you may crop up, you can easily make this a most fruitful day. Keep active for best results.

AURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Your creative ideas are striking just fine now. Confer with higher-ups who can be great help to you at this time.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Take time to improve conditions at home. Forget the frivolous for now and attend to important business matters.

SCORPIO CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) There could be some obstacles in the path of progress now, but take them stride. Strive for happiness.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Engage in those activities that will add appreciably to your present income. A veterinary adviser can be helpful to you now.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 23) Some personal aims can be reached now even though there may be delays connected with them. Show that you have poise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Find the right methods that will help you attain your goals more readily. Take advantage of an opportunity that is present.

CORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Put a plan to work that give you much enjoyment and personal satisfaction. Be most careful in motion today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Don't neglect important duties that await your attention. Friends may be under pressure so overlook questionable conduct.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Although you have many obligations, this is a good day to delve into something new and interesting.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You have many tasks that need your conscientious attention if you are to be successful. Show more affection for mate.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Conversations with associates yield fine ideas that could lead to benefits in the weeks ahead. Steer clear of a troublemaker.

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 I CAN'T TELL A PAR FROM A BIRDIE, SIR...
 THOSE ARE BOWLING TERMS MARCIE... DON'T EMBARRASS ME!

ANDY GAPP

I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU'VE GOT THE NERVE TO FACE ME THIS MORNIN' AFTER LAST NIGHT'S PERFORMANCE! YOU MADE A PROPER EXHIBITION OF YOURSELF!
 MUST YOU, FLO?
 CAN'T YOU SEE WHAT YOU'RE DOIN', PET? YOU'RE MAKIN' THE MISTAKE OF LETTIN' YESTERDAY USE UP TOO MUCH OF TODAY!
 QUITE THE LITTLE PHILOSOPHER, ISN'T 'EF?

MUTT & JEFF

I LOOKED THROUGH THE WHOLE HOUSE-- THERE IS NO BURGLAR!
 NOW I CAN'T FALL ASLEEP AGAIN!
 THREE THIRTY!
 MUTT, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
 I THOUGHT I'D HAVE MY BREAKFAST NOW IN CASE I GET UP LATE FOR WORK!

THE FLINTSTONES

ISN'T IT GREAT THE BOYS FINALLY GOT A 'COST-OF-LIVING RAISE'?!
 AND HOW!
 YEAH!... NOW WE CAN GO BROKE IN STYLE AND AT THE SAME SPEED AS EVERYONE ELSE

LAUGHS FROM EUROPE

ENGLAND
 Lewis
 "You're right, madam — his dentures DO rattle."

THE BETTER HALF.

By Barnes

"I overslept and had to leave hurriedly, so either stain the brown shoe black or the black one brown."

PROVERB
 Fear is the worst enemy because it defeats you before the battle is even begun.

GORED BRIDGE

Q.—Somehow or other, our auctions frequently get derailed. I think my problem lies with the first response. Can you give me some guidelines for responding.—R. Levy, Brooklyn, N.Y.
 (This question has been awarded the weekly prize.)

A.—The responder has two main obligations: To lay the groundwork for describing the strength and shape of his hand; and to announce a fit if one exists. The importance of showing a fit cannot be overemphasized. It encourages opener more than any bid other than a jump shift because it allows him to revalue his hand. Therefore, if you have a choice between a raise of opener's suit and some other bid, it is usually correct to raise. Consider this responding hand: ♠Ax ♣xx ♦Qxxx ♠10xxx. You play four-card majors and partner opens the bidding with one heart. What do you respond? The choice is between one no trump and two hearts. Many would respond one no trump because they don't want to raise with only three-card support. Let partner might have opened with only four hearts. Don't let that deter you. The fact that you play four-card majors doesn't bar partner from holding five hearts. Indeed, more than half the time that he chooses to open one of a major he will surely have five cards in the suit. You have a potential ruffing value in spades and three trumps to an honor—fair support by any standards. There is no reason to expect the hand to play better at no trump than in a suit contract. Make your natural raise to two hearts, the bid that is most likely to improve partner's holding. If partner opens one of a minor suit and your hand is worth only one voluntary bid (i.e., you are in the 8-10 point range), you should strive to bid a major suit if possible. However, don't take this to extremes. Consider these two responding hands when partner has opened one club: ♠KJxx ♣xxx ♦K10xx ♠xx; or ♠KJxx ♣xxx ♦KQ10x ♠xx. With the first hand you should respond 2♥. Your suit is bidable under any circumstance and if you respond 1♠ you will be awkwardly placed if partner rebids one heart—a one spade rebid by you would lead to show a better than minimum response. But with the second hand you should respond one diamond. Your strength is concentrated in that suit and, if the opponents should buy the hand, you want partner to lead a diamond. Unless partner can introduce the spade suit over your diamond response, you really don't want to play in that major. Obviously, I cannot go deeply into the initial responses in the space available here. I hope these few hints will help you improve your game.

Q.—How would you play six spades on this hand?
 ♠KJ109
 ♥Q842
 ♦AKQ
 ♣AK
 ♠876 ♣3
 ♥5 ♦AKJ109 76
 ♠J106432 ♣8
 ♥Q105 ♠J873
 ♦AQ542
 ♥3
 ♦975
 ♠9642

During the auction, East preempted in hearts. West leads the five of hearts. East wins the ten and continues with the ace.—P. Simpson, Boston, Mass.

A.—Obviously, West's lead is a singleton, so you must ruff with a high trump. If trumps divide 2-2, you are home by simply cross-ruffing your losers, so draw two rounds of trumps with the king jack. When East discards on the second round, you have to abandon this line and play for a squeeze. For this to succeed, you must find East with four clubs. Cash the ace-king of clubs and the three diamonds, coming down to this ending:
 ♠109
 ♥Q8
 ♦—
 ♣—
 ♠8
 ♥J10
 ♦—
 ♣—
 ♠A5
 ♥—
 ♦—
 ♣96

When you lead the ten of spades from dummy, East is squeezed. If he discards a heart, you let the ten of spades win and ruff a heart to set up the queen. If East discards a club, overtake the ten of trumps with the ace and ruff a club to set up the nine in your hand.

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
 by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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 DAUGY
 INCLEY
 RYBBAC

WHAT THE G. I. GOT.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: THE "CASH FOR A SMASH" (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: PARCH SWISH VACUUM WISDOM
 Answer: What the auto insurance salesman promised—CASH FOR A SMASH

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS
 1. King of Judah
 4. Siamese colors
 7. Japanese outcasts
 11. Body of advisers
 13. Occupy
 14. Red dye
 15. Three-spot
 16. Cardinal number
 17. Arthurian lance
 18. Cycle
 20. Stray
 21. Schedule
 23. Employment

DOWN
 24. Carven
 25. Waparoond
 27. Axis
 28. Winter month
 30. Plunger
 33. Spotlight
 34. Counter
 35. _____ Events
 36. Heavy hammer
 38. Knockout
 40. Vainest advice
 41. Whiznet
 42. Ragulate
 43. Fasten

44. Rummy
 45. BOWW
 46. Dairy food

2. Wiser
 3. "Li" _____
 4. Exon
 5. Chord of four tones
 6. Low bench
 7. Newt
 8. Harangue
 9. Sour ale
 10. Shrewder
 12. British author
 13. Fleming
 18. By no chance
 21. Scale
 22. Barn
 23. Sawtooth
 25. Mexican shawl
 26. Point the finger
 27. Chastise
 28. Coxy
 29. Divulges
 30. Snole
 31. Wing-shaped
 32. Mis-up
 35. Dave
 38. Managed
 39. Grackle

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